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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

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February 26, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION THAT IDS FILINGS OF FEBRUARY 26, 2002 AND OCTOBER 3, 2002 HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED

The instant application was allowed January 28, 2003. However, the undersigned has not yet received initialed PTO-1449 Forms corresponding to the IDS filings of February 27, 2002 and October 3, 2002. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner confirm that these IDS filings have been considered by providing the undersigned with initialed copies of the corresponding PTO-1449 Forms.

The Examiner mailed a Communication dated December 26, 2002 indicating that the October 3, 2002 IDS was not considered because "the Allowance was mailed on August 26, 2002." This is incorrect. The Notice of Allowance for this case was mailed

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on January 28, 2003 -- not on August 26, 2002. Thus, the IDS filed October 3, 2002 should have been considered.

However, if the USPTO maintains the incorrect position that a Notice of Allowance was mailed on August 26, 2002 (applicant never received a copy of any such Notice), then the IDS filed October 3, 2002 should still be considered for the reason set forth in the Petition filed January 14, 2003.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide the undersigned with initialed copies of the PTO-1449 forms corresponding to the IDS filings of both February 27, 2002 and October 3, 2002. Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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